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**Robert Fraley**, Monsanto executive vice president, talks to a crowd of students and faculty at the first ever Henry C. Gardner Global Foods Systems Lecture in McCain Auditorium Monday night.

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## New lecture series plants the seeds of progress

By PIERCE BENNETT  
THE COLLEGIAN

Hundreds of students, professors and civilians gathered at the McCain Auditorium Monday night to listen to Robert Fraley, executive vice president and chief technology officer of the Monsanto Company. Fraley served as the inaugural speaker of the Henry C. Gardner Global Food Systems Lecture Series.

His speech, entitled "2050:

Agriculture's Role in Mitigating Global Challenges," addressed the global challenges agriculturists and those in the biotechnology industry will be facing in the future, and what students can do to prepare themselves as the next generation of agricultural leaders.

As the recipient of the 2013 World Food Prize, Fraley has been at the center of pioneering groundbreaking agriculture technology, such as Round Up Ready Soybeans, and Bollgard insect-protected cotton in the U.S.

Fraley emphasized technology as simple as giving cell phones to farmers in India and parts of Africa. These techniques allow farmers to gain up-to-date weather and pest reports. More advanced technology included genetic modification that allows for a gene that combats root worm in corn plants.

Even with all these technology changes, Fraley still made it clear that the challenges facing modern agriculture were large, and required a lot of work and dedication in the future.

"No one can do this by themselves," Fraley said. "There will be approximately 9.5 billion people to feed by 2050, and agriculture will need to produce more food than it ever has in the history of the world."

However, Fraley said he is willing to "put all his eggs in agriculture's basket," due to the advancements in the biotechnology and information-technology industries.

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"MONSANTO"

## Straight-A student struggles, successes

By ALLISON EVANS  
THE COLLEGIAN

Getting good grades, maintaining an already high GPA or simply passing a class are all thoughts that commonly occupy the minds of college students. As we push through second week of the spring semester, the question of "How can I be a successful, straight-A student?" may be pondered by many.

The first thing we may consider is to become someone that is smart, dedicated, over-achieving and has no friends, family or any time for a social life. While little thought is given to the realities behind the life of a high-achieving student, society can tend to focus on what it believes to be the consequences of such devotion to studies. Straight-A students are expected to be boring; that they work too hard and play too little. Straight-A students never take the time to let their hair down and relax, they have to constantly push for that A.

Many of these perceptions can often be found with what has become an almost stigma-like association of students who dedicate themselves to achieving a 4.0 GPA.

Alexa Faber, junior in life sciences and straight-A student, rebukes these kind of assumptions.

"Some people think I'm insane, but I feel like for me it just became how I did things," Faber said. "I still went out; I still had a

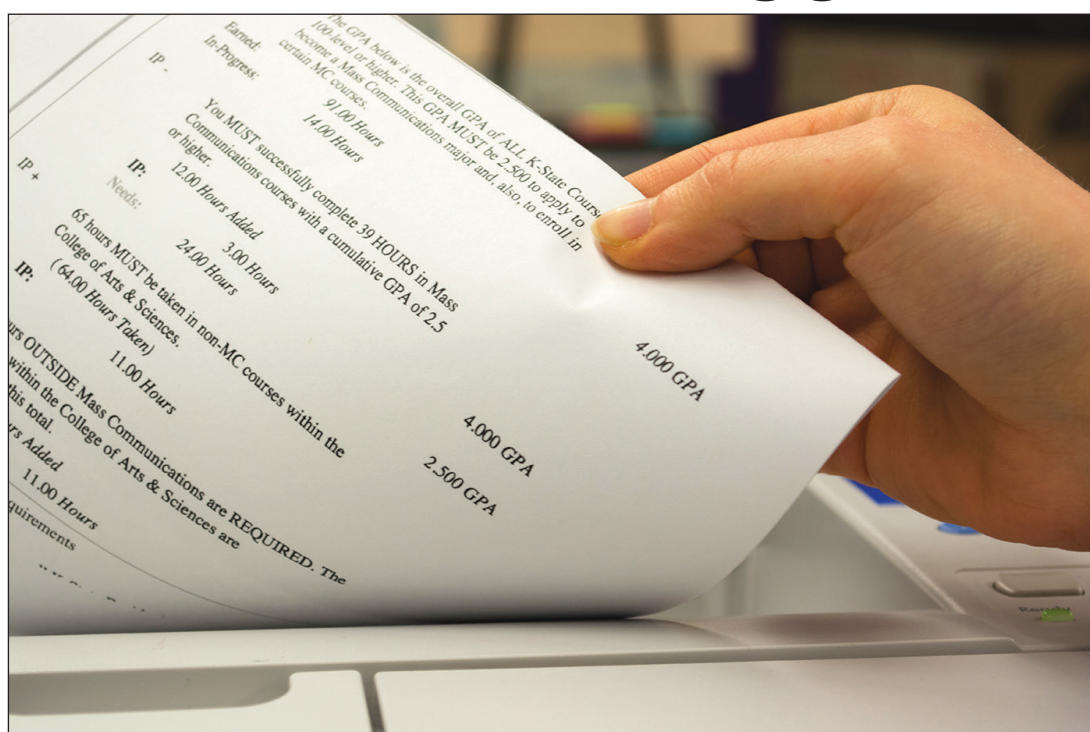


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Students who maintain 4.0 GPA's still prioritize their time to have fun on the weekends.

good time every weekend. I prioritize time differently, but there is always give and take."

Faber gives testimony to the fact that not all straight-A students are total bores. Faber said on average she studies 15–20 hours per week, but still finds plenty of time to hang out with her friends and be an active member in her sorority Zeta Tau Alpha. According to her, maintaining a 4.0 has not affected

her social life whatsoever.

Do they walk with their heads held higher or with an extra bounce in their step? Most likely not, but that doesn't mean they are not full of pride on the inside.

On the other hand, not all the perceptions of straight-A students are totally off. Amanda Sales, junior in agricultural communications and journalism with minors in Spanish and agronomy, can attest

to some of the struggles and challenges of maintaining a high GPA.

"It becomes stressful when teachers begin expecting a lot out of you, like at busy times of the year or when they assign huge assignments," Sales said. "It also becomes stressful when I am holding onto a grade by the skin of my teeth, which happens in so many classes."

Pressure to achieve or maintain

high grades is something that most students feel at some point, whether it be from an academic standpoint or from family and friends. Many students rely on scholarships to help with tuition, which can make achieving high grades a necessity.

"In high school, getting A's to earn scholarship money was my job," Sales said. "So many times I just wanted to get a B and get it over with, but I stuck with it."

Faber also attests to the increased pressures that accompanies scholarships.

"Having a scholarship definitely adds to the pressure to get good grades," Faber said. "I don't do it just for the scholarship, but it most definitely contributes to my determination."

This talk of pressure is only one side of the conversation, however. Imagine walking down the sidewalks of campus, can you tell which students get straight-A's? Do they walk with their heads held higher or with an extra bounce in their step? Most likely not, but that doesn't mean they are not full of pride on the inside.

As she talked about the personal reasons behind getting a 4.0, Faber sat a little straighter in her chair.

"A lot of times it comes down to being on a borderline," Faber said. "If I get a B I will still be fine with my scholarships, but it's more than that; I also do it for myself."

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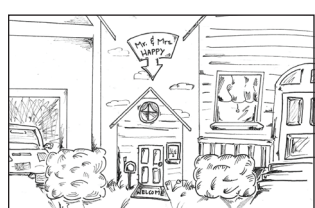


## Students draw inspiration from spring-like weather

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**Paige Griggs**, freshman in chemistry, works on drawing a still life of the trees and Waters Hall in the Quad Monday afternoon for her drawing 1 class. Students took to lawns and enjoyed the unusually warm weather Monday as highs reached past 60 degrees.

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**4** Tiny houses could be a cozy home for struggling graduates



**6** Tyler Lockett, fans continue to see the senior's NFL draft stock rise

### Fact of the Day

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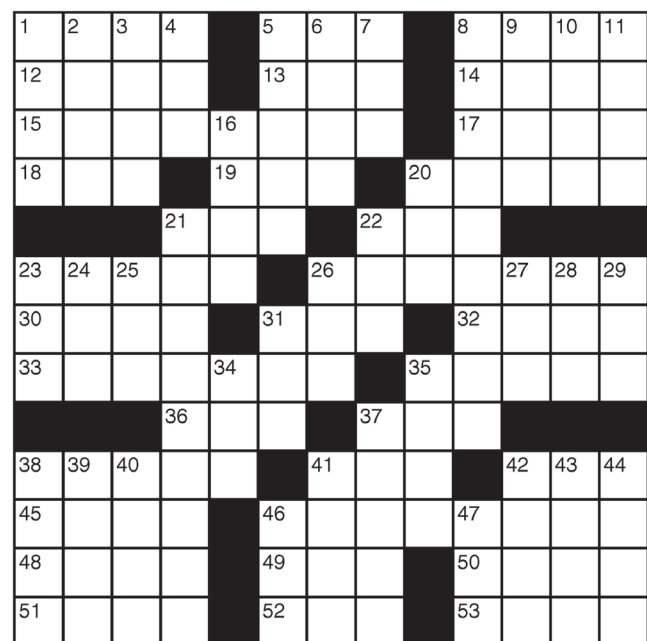
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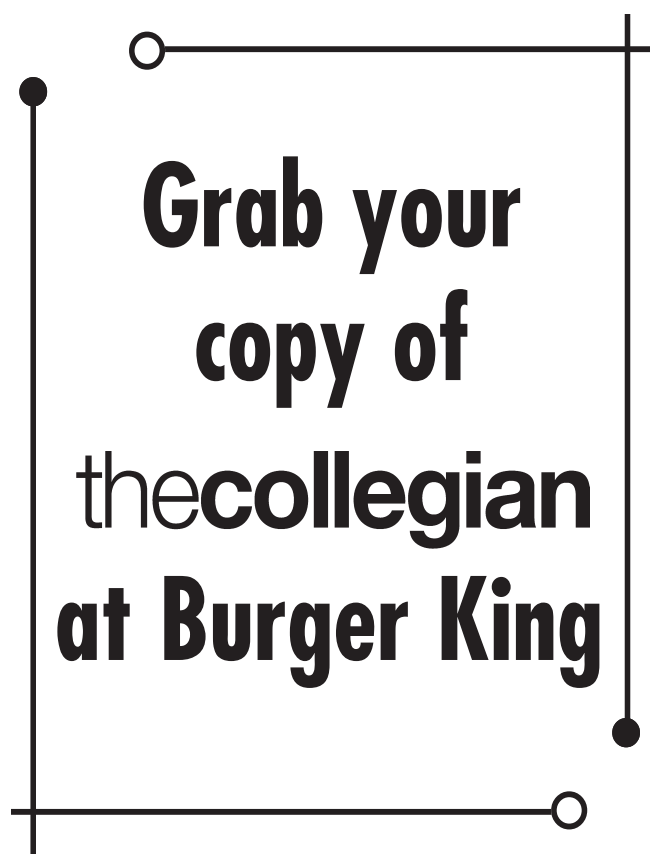
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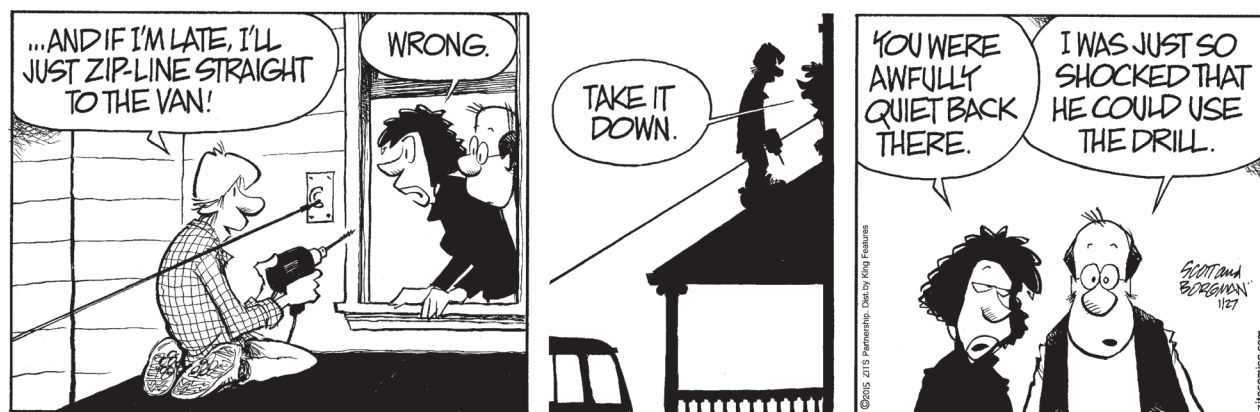
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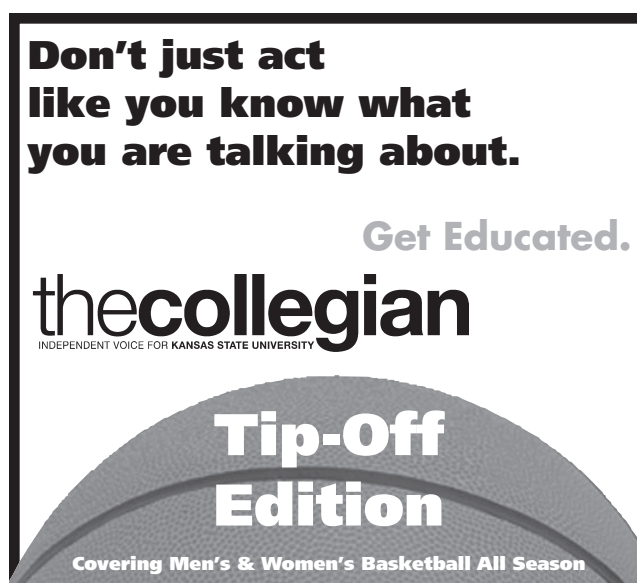
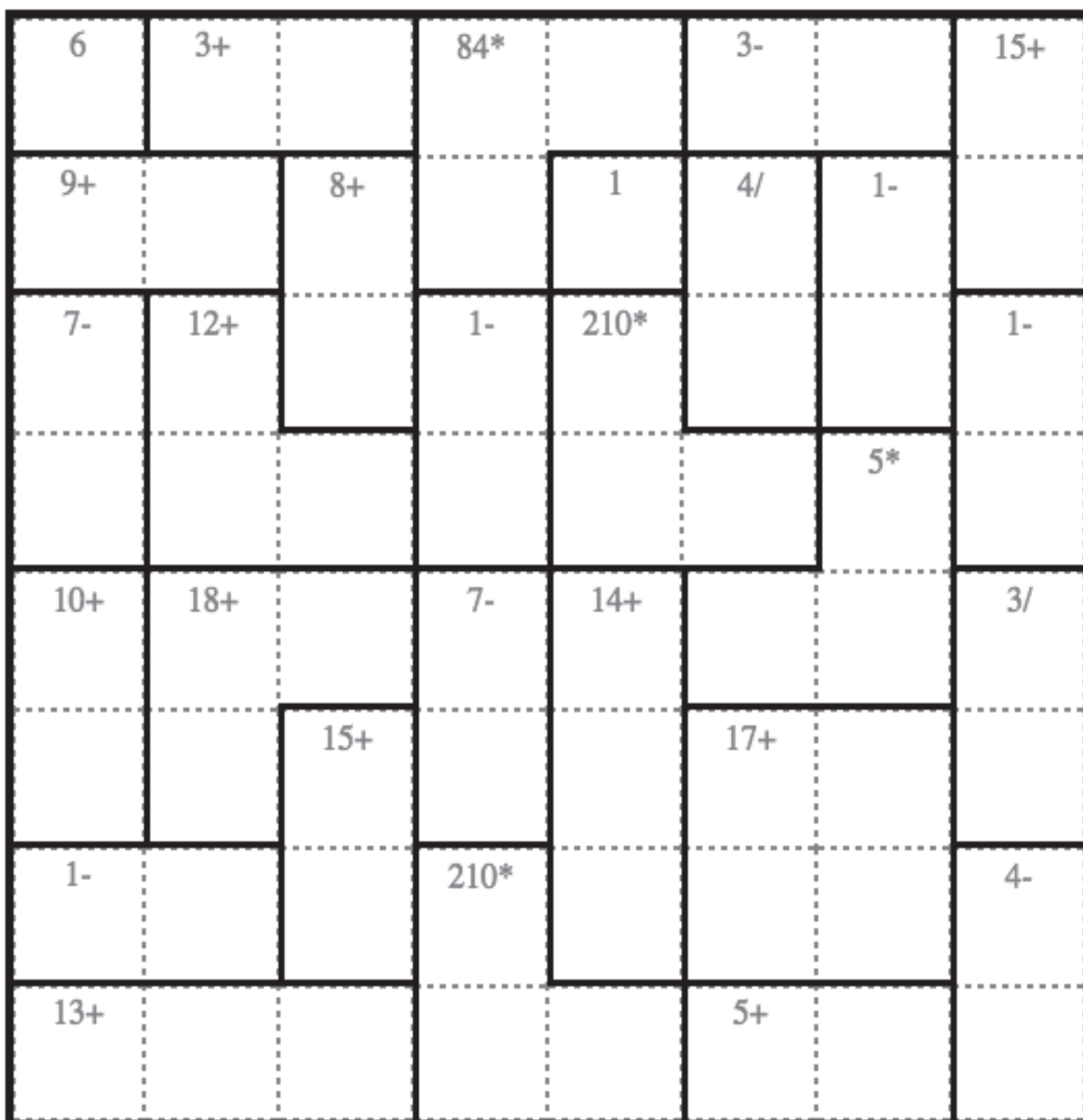
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## STATE BRIEFS

compiled by Chloe Creager

## State Attorney to appeal ruling on underfunded education

Kansas' top prosecutor Attorney General Derek Schmidt announced plans to appeal a district court panel ruling that found the state of Kansas isn't spending enough money on public schools to provide a suitable education, according to Associated Press.

Shortly after announcing the plans to appeal, Schmidt's office announced it had filed a motion asking for clarification on the ruling. The debate over school funding centers around whether the formula used to determine the amount of funding is outdated or flawed. Schmidt said he doesn't distinguish between the formula and the funding of the formula.

## House committee working to expand Medicaid

The Vision 2020 House committee is currently working on a proposal to expand Kansas' Medicaid program to utilize additional federal funding promised by the federal health care reforms.

The state's current program currently provides health care for the needy and disabled, but it's annual \$3 billion budget doesn't cover childless adults without disabilities.

Republican Rep. Tom Sloan, committee chairman, said a bill should be drafted within a few weeks.

## Tobacco fund to be moved from Kansas Endowment of Youth to state budget, objections heard

Republican Rep. Stephanie Clayton has expressed her objection to Gov. Sam Brownback's plan to use \$14.5 million from the Kansas Endowment for Youth to fill part of the \$280 million hole in Kansas' state budget for the current fiscal year, according to Little Apple Post.

The protests were voiced partway through a briefing on revenues from the state's tobacco master settlement and agreements on how they are spent. In accordance with state statutes, settlement revenues typically between \$50 million and \$70 million are deposited into the KEY fund.

In the past, most money from the KEY fund is transferred to the Children's Initiatives Fund, where it's used to support programs and services promoting early childhood development. That being said, there has been little that has been able to stop lawmakers from using KEY funding to offset projected shortfalls in the state budget. Brownback has proposed a \$32 million sweep to take place over the next three years, with \$165 million of the KEY fund being used outside of it's intended purpose from 2001 to now.

"This is a pet peeve of mine – across the board, not just with the KEY fund," Clayton said. "I feel like we're lying to the taxpayers. We tell them we're going to use this money for this purpose, and then we sweep it for something else. I mean, from a transparency, populist, almost-Tea Party perspective, we shouldn't be sweeping. We shouldn't be lying."

## POLICE BRIEFS

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## Man pleads guilty in JC hotel shooting

Jerome Glaspie, 43, pled guilty to attempted robbery, aggravated battery and criminal possession of a firearm last Friday, according to KMAN. He will be sentenced on March 27.

The victim, Angel Gonzales-Cintrón, said Glaspie shot him during a disturbance in Budget Host Motel's parking lot in Junction City. Gonzales-Cintrón declined treatment for a superficial wound inflicted upon him as a result of the shooting. Glaspie fled the scene but was later arrested on charges of attempted murder and attempted robbery.

## Man injured in accidental shooting

Riley County Police Department responded to an accidental shooting in the 1700 block of Cedar Crest on Jan. 25 around 9:30 p.m., where officers found a 38-year-old male who had been attempting to clean a handgun when he accidentally shot himself in the side.

The man was transported to Mercy Regional Health Center for medical treatment.

## Police arrest man on multiple allegations

RCPD reported the arrest of Ryan Routson, 33, Jan. 24 at approximately 3:35 p.m. Routson was arrested on a warrant for involuntary manslaughter, battery, possession of opiates, opium, narcotic drugs or stimulants and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Routson's warrant was served after an incident occurring in May 2014 that resulted in the death of an unborn child that was investigated by the Kansas Highway Patrol and RCPD.

## Junction City home under investigation for explosives

Junction City police searched the home of Jacob Cameron, 22, for possible explosive devices Jan. 26. Cameron was arrested Jan. 23 on charges of criminal use of explosives, aggravated assault, attempted aggravated arson, aggravated kidnapping, aggravated burglary, damage to property, battery, domestic battery, two counts of criminal threat and two counts of aggravated assault.

Police obtained a search warrant to search Cameron's home Monday and noted suspicious devices. The Riley County Bomb Squad was called to determine if the devices posed a threat. Police blocked access to the area as the case remains under investigation. Cameron is being held on a \$50,000 bond.

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## From the president's desk



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Dear fellow K-Staters,  
We hope your first week back treated you well, and that you're getting back into the swing of things! We've got an exciting spring semester on tap as we round out

our term as your student representatives.

When we ran for student body president and vice president, one of our primary platforms was establishing the Lifeline 911 policy on campus and as a state law. Before we left for winter break, K-State officially adopted the policy, so now minors on campus can call for help with alcohol-related complications without fear of legal consequences. Now, we're shifting our focus to the state level. The wheels have been set in motion to make Lifeline 911 a state law.

We've been working with local senators and representatives and hope to introduce legislation in the next few weeks. Last week, we met with the Kansas Highway Patrol to discuss implementation of the law, and they were very helpful and

supportive. We'll continue to meet with key stakeholders to vet the bill, and we'll spend time in Topeka to ensure the bill moves forward. Lifeline 911 will be among the topics for discussion at State Higher Ed Day on Feb. 10, when students from across the state will visit the capitol to lobby on behalf of student interests.

One of the projects we inherited from previous student body president and vice president, Eli Schooley and Jake Unruh, is the K-State app. At the end of last semester, we put out a Request for Proposal to garner interest from developers capable of building the app we need. We've received a handful of proposals and will begin the selection process, keeping students involved throughout. We've worked closely with the IT Department on

this project, and they've been doing an excellent job with the project and with keeping students in the loop.

Finally, with student employment hours in the news lately, we want to affirm that we will do all in our power to keep students working as much as they want to. The Affordable Care Act requires businesses and institutions to provide healthcare for employees that average more than 30 hours of work per week for a period of one year. Since K-State currently restricts student employees to 30 hours per week during the fall and spring semesters, and allows 40 hours per week over breaks, this could apply to student employees. Many other schools across the country, including KU, have had to reduce hours for student employees. With the rising cost of education in mind, we want to

prevent this. We are working with Dr. Bosco, Vice President of Human Capital Cheryl Johnson, and Vice President for Administration and Finance Cindy Bontrager to come up with the best possible solution for our students and our university.

Hope to see you in the Octagon of Doom tonight as K-State looks to continue their impressive Big 12 play against West Virginia. The K-State women also play at home this week, against Oklahoma State on Wednesday. Go Cats!

Have a great week,  
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## Tiny homes, big impacts: Why tiny houses are viable options for recent graduates



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THE COLLEGIAN

In 2013, the average Kansas college student left school with a whopping \$26,229 of debt after they graduated. Though this is lower than the national average, which a new report from the Institute for College Access and Success said is pushing \$30,000, the debt continues to rise. In fact, just one year later, an analysis of government data by Mark Kantrowitz, publisher at Edvisors pins the average student-debt at \$33,000 for 2014.

Students have enough on their plates between graduating on time, finding a job and thinking of ways they can get out into the real world, without moving back home with their parents. Finding a place to live may seem like a lesser matter for college graduates, but purchasing or renting a home is one of the biggest investments we'll make

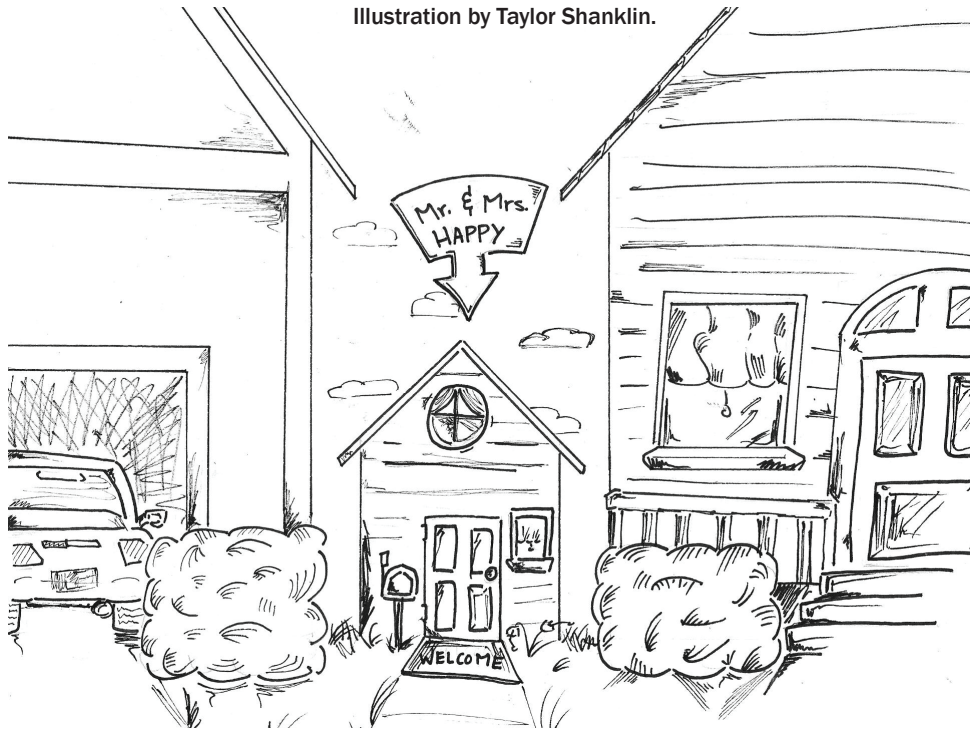
as adults.

With the burden of student loans and debt, coupled with the pressure to move wherever future job prospects will take us, students have to be flexible in where they will live after graduating. Tiny homes are perfect for recent grads because they are cheap, mobile and have everything you need.

### What are tiny houses?

The idea of living in a tiny house is a growing one. For travelers, it is a great one. Living a minimalist lifestyle (fitting your worth into a suitcase) is becoming more popular. A minimalist lifestyle is one where material possessions and objects are kept to the bare minimum and only the necessities to live are made available. This could mean living without a television or cell phone, reducing your wardrobe or even something as simple as not decorating your home with unnecessary accessories.

Tiny houses are made for people wanting to live this lifestyle. Every part of the house has multiple functions. Staircases double as bookshelves, tables fold down from the walls and desks can transform into tables. Tiny houses are usually 500 square feet or less, according to



Forbes.

### The bigger, the better?

Many people think the idea of living tiny is an insane one. With America's homes gradually getting larger, it is no surprise that many would never choose to live such a lifestyle. The average size of an American home has gone up by 873 square feet since

Illustration by Taylor Shanklin.

1983. The average size of a home in 2013 was 2,600 square feet, according to CNN Money.

Although the cost per square foot is significantly higher than an average size house, the benefits from owning a tiny house surpass this initial cost. Because the square footage of tiny homes are significantly smaller than that of average

homes, it results in a cheaper house.

Tiny doesn't mean compromising on much more than space. Home owners can expect a kitchen, bedroom, bathroom and living room area all within their small humble abode. Many tiny homes even have front porches, and some can fit king sized beds. The homes can be

mobile, making travel easy and comfortable.

### Saving the world, one home at a time

Tiny houses are most beneficial because of their tiny ecological footprint. Many of the homes are heated by stainless steel fireplaces, have their own septic and water systems and their size alone cuts down energy use incredibly.

Although initial costs like septic tanks can be expensive, micro-homes have become popular due to things like low upkeep costs.

Buying a home might not be the first priority amongst recent graduates, but purchasing a tiny home is a feasible option for those struggling with the economic aftermath of a pricey college education. What some may find claustrophobic, others call home.

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## Concerned about commencement and I'm not even a senior ... technically

By COURTNEY BURKE  
THE COLLEGIAN

As one of many students with a busy, over scheduled life, I often tell myself "just get through this week or this month, and then you'll have time to worry about everything else." When that is how you balance everything, the days and the months are slow but the years fly by.

I can't believe I'm almost done. One day, you're just a freshman planning for someday, and then all of a sudden someday is today and

you're graduating. Then, just as quickly, someday is yesterday and has passed you by.

"Transitions always come with doubts and concerns, but this one seems to be especially difficult," Yael Kent, a psychology and global studies student at the University of California, Santa Barbara and psychalive.org blogger, said. "All your life, you are told to do well in school, to go to a good college and be successful. But once you've graduated from college, what do you do next? How do you become successful?"

The thought of "some-

day" being now terrifies me. I'm accidentally ahead of schedule because I came to K-State with college credit hours I took while I was still in high school. I only took college credits in high school because it was cheaper, not because I wanted to graduate early.

"It's a major life transition, and often people have postponed other ... life events like marriage until after they graduate from college," Andy Hogg, a psychologist in Flagstaff, Arizona, said in an article from empowher.com. "So frequently graduation is about a job search, change in

relationships, change in residence, everything changes."

Here I am, in my third year of college and classified academically as a senior. My adviser told me that I would be ready to graduate next semester, finished in only three and a half years. No thank you. I'm not prepared to graduate yet. I don't have a life plan, a job or even a general idea of how to be an adult. I'm good at being a student, and school has always come easy to me.

I'm not good with change. While graduation means a lot of wonderful, exciting things, it also requires

a lot of difficult decisions, including saying goodbye to longtime friends, moving away from family and making major financial decisions.

The Institute for College Access and Success found that nearly seven in 10 graduating seniors, or 69 percent, left school with over \$28,000 in student loan debt in 2013. This is an increase of 2 percent from 2012, according to the U.S. News & World Report online.

I guess it's the thought of leaving that scares me and everything that comes after. I say goodbye to friends who are graduating every year,

and it never gets easier. They all seem to have it together. Maybe someday I'll feel ready and I'll be the one that looks like I have it all together, but "someday" is coming sooner than expected.

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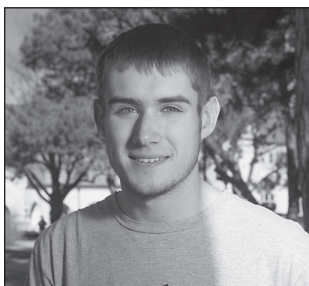
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Q: "If you had a soundtrack to your life, what would be the first song on it and why?"



RASHAE TAYLOR  
SOPHOMORE,  
ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE

"Beyonce and Nikki Minaj, 'Flawless' the remix, cause it's just tight."



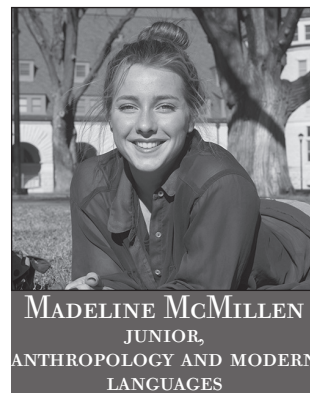
EVAN STECKLER  
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"I like 'Amazing Grace.' Well, you know, God guides my life and I'm astounded by the grace that he offers."



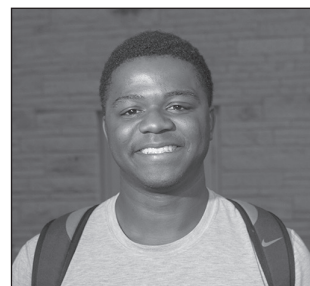
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"We Are The Champions," by Queen, because I am the champion."



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"Let's do Groovin'" by the Young Rascals. Probably I think like '60s or '70s, you know around there. One, because it's all about good vibes (and) enjoying life in the moment I suppose. It's pretty nice. I wish I could come up with something more profound, but I feel like on a sunny day like this it's rather soothing."



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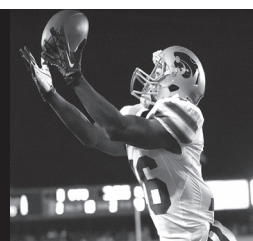
"It would probably be, let me make sure I say the name right ... 'Everybody's Something,' by Chance the Rapper. The song is pretty much about like telling people that like no matter what, someone cares about you, someone's thinking about you like you mean something to someone like if you get down on yourself, it actually shows that you are important - that you aren't just like anything or like just a random person. You are something to someone."



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# GPA | Keeping that 4.0 not a requirement for success to some students

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Sales also takes pride in her academic achievements.

"Getting A's in college became a point of proving it to myself and others that I was capable of doing such a thing," Sales said. "I set a goal to graduate summa cum laude, just because I want that feeling of accomplishment."

With that amount of pride and sense of accomplishment, there is bound to be some big disappointments. Sales finished off last fall semester with the knowledge that she would not receive A's in all of her classes. In fact, two of her final grades were B's – the first B's she has received in seven years.

"It does honestly feel like failure to me," Sales said. "This

is something that is permanent, and I just don't like that. I don't think I can ever agree with my friends that a B is an acceptable grade because I still want to be an overachiever."

Despite the stress, pressure and negative stereotypes; the perceptions of straight-A students are certainly not without their positive elements. Most people view students with high

GPA's as very smart, dedicated and determined individuals. But some may wonder if it's all really worth it.

According to Josiah Dowding, sophomore in mechanical engineering, the answer is no.

"It's kind of a double-edged sword," Dowding said. "Everyone admires a student that gets straight-A's, but it seems like few people actually want to give

up the time and effort it takes. No one wants to be that boring student."

Dowding said he has an average GPA of 3.5 and is perfectly content to keep it that way.

"I have a lot going on, I work a job and take some pretty difficult classes," Dowding said. "I don't really feel the need to get straight-A's."

Dowding's achievements

show that straight-A's are not the only indication of a student's achievement and success. Many students are highly successful without a 4.0 and feel no less superior or intelligent.

"In a lot of cases, I honestly think it's more of a personal decision than a reflection of intelligence or anything else," Dowding said. "Straight-A's just aren't for everybody."

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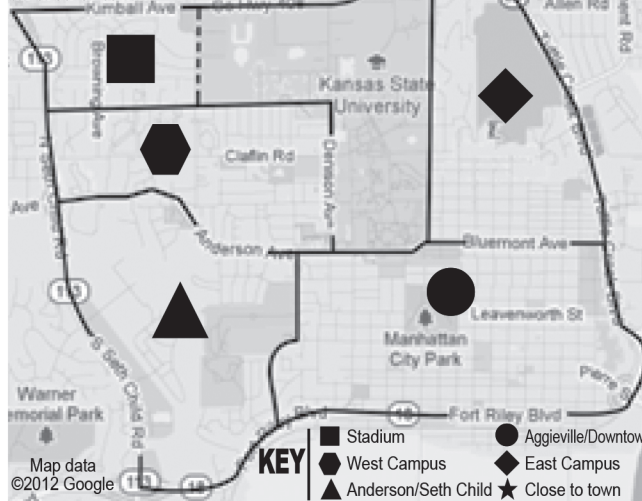
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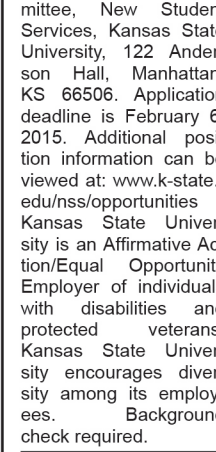
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## MONSANTO | Speaker discusses agriculture's upcoming challenges

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Amongst the sea of agriculture students, there were also students who were not in the College of Agriculture at K-State, who gained knowledge from Dr. Fraley's speech.

"I found it very interesting, I didn't realize that agriculture was progressing at that fast of a rate," Ashlyn Evans, a sophomore in dietetics, said. "I do feel comfortable with our food system, and although I have some questions now, Dr. Fraley's speech gave me confidence in what I am eat-

ing."

It is questions like Evans' that the Henry C. Gardiner Global Food Systems Committee wanted to generate, in addition to educating students about how modern agriculture works.

"The more everybody understands the challenges and science of modern agriculture, the more social media information that is not scientifically based can be replaced, allowing everyone to make their own decisions and understand what the future of agriculture is," Don Boggs, associate dean

for academic programs in the College of Agriculture, said.

Committee members ranging from students to professors in the college helped to prepare this event, and hope to continue having these educational lectures as early as next fall.

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Students take notes as Robert Fraley, Monsanto executive vice president, speaks during the first Henry C. Gardiner Global Food Systems Lecture in McCain Auditorium Monday night.



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**Robert Fraley**, Monsanto executive vice president, talks to a crowd of students and faculty at the first ever Henry C. Gardner Global Foods Systems Lecture in McCain Auditorium Monday night.

## Lockett impresses over the weekend at Senior Bowl

BY TATE STEINLAGE  
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Tyler Lockett's K-State playing career concluded this past weekend as the program's all-time leader in receptions, yards and touchdowns competed in the 2015 Senior Bowl in Mobile, Alabama.

The game, which honors high-profile senior athletes for their time in college, also serves as a showcase for NFL scouts and writers across the country.

Lockett, who finished his senior campaign at K-State this past season with 1515 yards and 11 touchdowns at wide receiver (764 yards and two touchdowns returning kicks and punts), caught the eyes of many in the football world at the event while also boosting his draft stock.

"One player who improved his stock was Kansas State receiver Tyler Lockett," ESPN's James Walker wrote. "The 5-foot-11 speedster did well in the slot and was hard to cover. He is also expected to return kicks in Saturday's game."

Lockett hauled in three receptions for 48 yards in Saturday's game for team South, including a 23-yard pickup on 3rd and 14 in the third quarter. He also had one kick return go for 22 yards.

But it was Lockett's abilities during the week's practices, mixed in with the help of social media and Vine, that stood out and generated buzz.

"While many throughout Chiefs Kingdom were already aware of Kansas State receiver Tyler Lockett, the rest of the country will be hearing his name when analysts talk about top performers through the first couple of days of the Senior Bowl here in Mobile, Alabama," Kansas City Chiefs Reporter BJ Kissel wrote. "During Wednesday's practice, Lockett once again made several fantastic plays. On three consecutive plays in one-on-one drills, Lockett beat his defender off press coverage and made plays down the field."

Lockett will now prepare for April's NFL Draft. As it stands, Lockett is projected as a second-round pick on many draft expert's big boards. However, his showcase at the Senior Bowl could see his stock rise as high as a late first-round pickup.

"He's got a nice skill set, and the way the league is going with more three and four wide receivers and getting out in space, he fits that profile," Senior Bowl Director Phil Savage told the Kansas City Star.

Lockett's size at 5-foot-9-inch, 181 pounds will keep some teams away, but with his intangibles on and off the field,



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Senior wide receiver **Tyler Lockett** evades a tackle from Texas Tech sophomore defender **Justis Nelson** after catching a pass for a first down during the second quarter of the Wildcats' 45-13 defeat of the Red Raiders Oct. 4, 2014 in Bill Snyder Family Stadium.

the now former-Wildcat will be welcomed somewhere at the next level with open arms.

"He's got quickness off the ball, he's got extremely strong hands — he uses them pretty

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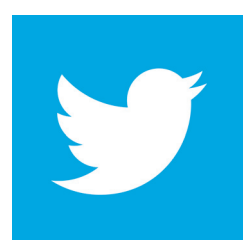
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